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1. PREVIOUS COMMENTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 2 AND 4 OF STATE 074805 ARE STILL APPLICABLE TO REVISED FRG TEXT. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU PROPOSE TO POLADS THAT PARA 2 OF NEW FRG TEXT BE REVISED TO PLACE INITIAL FOCUS OF STUDY ON NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS ON INCENDIARIES AND UK-NETHERLANDS-FRENCH PROPOSALS ON MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS, AND INDICATE THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME EXPEND SIGNIFICANT EFFORT ON BANS AND RESTRICTIONS SUPPORTED BY OTHER FACTIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS AT LUGANO. ADDITIONALLY, (IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4 OF STATE 074805) WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PROPOSE
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THAT WORDS "IN CASE THAT THE WEAPONS WERE NOT TO BE

REPLACED" BE DELETED FROM PARA 3(B) OF NEW FRG TEXT.

2. IF MANDATE CAN BE SATISFACTORILY REVISED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ABOVE, WE DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE
FORMAL PRELIMINARY POLITICAL/LEGAL INSTRUCTIONS OR ANALYSIS,
AS SUGGESTED IN USNATO 2119, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT
POLITICAL AND LEGAL EXPERTS IN VARIOUS GOVTS TO ADVISE

THEIR MILITARY COMMITTEE REPS ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS APFRO-
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